

MINNESOTA HOCKEY
District 16
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DISTRICT 16 POLICY FOR TEAM LOCKER ROOM MONITORING

Background: In June 2010 the USA Hockey Board of Directors adopted a policy mandating locker room monitoring for all USA Hockey youth teams, including teams of all USA Hockey affiliates. The rule simply provides that teams "...have at least one responsible adult present directly monitoring the locker room during all team events..." USA Hockey 2010-11 Annual Guide, p. 35.

Policy

1. The Locker Room Monitor (hereafter LRM) can be the head coach, assistant coach or someone approved by the head coach and the president of the local association (or his/her designated person).
2. The LRM will be a responsible adult. Responsible adult is any person of the age of twenty-two or older that has passed the background screening check of Minnesota Hockey. In addition, rostered coaches are all considered a responsible adult.
3. All locker room monitors must be screened in accordance with the MN Hockey Screening Policy.
4. The locker room monitors should be carefully chosen, and understand that their role is strictly supervision of the locker room. The non-coach locker room monitors are not coaches and should not attempt to be such.
5. The locker room monitors must be gender correct.
6. All team events where a locker room (including all rooms where players gather) is used require a locker room monitoring. LRM will be used until the last player has left the room.
7. The locker room monitor (LRM) will not be physically in the locker room with the exception for injured players, when enforcing rules, or if another adult, such as a parent, is present.
8. The LRM will be within five feet of the door at all times. The LRM will monitor the room by listening and opening the door periodically (every two or three minutes). If necessary to enter the room the LRM will keep the room door open to conduct business.
9. Any enforcement efforts necessary will be reported orally to the head coach and the president of the local association. Any criminal acts (such as vandalism) and any harassing activity (including physical confrontations) will be reported to the head coach, association president and District Director in writing within twenty-four (24) hours of the incident.
10. All association presidents and all head coaches will correspond to the District Director in writing that they have read and understand this policy by November 20, 2010 and annually thereafter by that date.
11. The penalties of non-Minnesota Hockey or criminal type will be determined by the local association. As with all actions taken at the local level this provision is subject to appeal to the District Director.
12. Violations of Minnesota Hockey rules or those of a criminal nature will be investigated by the District Director with aid from the Assistant District Director. The Director and Assistant will determine the penalty. The Director's findings are subject to filing of a grievance with Minnesota Hockey (MH). MH has the power to find in a different manner and to enforce the penalty given, reduce the penalty or assess a greater penalty even without a change in findings.